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## Barons Set To Play Western

Practice Game Carded  
For Tomorrow  
Afternoon PCN 43041

If rain doesn't interfere again, Manager Otto Bluege's Barons will get together with Coach Ed Diddle's Western Hilltoppers in a practice game tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Rain prevented a previous practice game between the two clubs last week, and they haven't had a chance to play since that time.

The Barons' next exhibition start is scheduled for Sunday afternoon at the Fairgrounds, with Burks team of Nashville to furnish the opposition. The Burks club evidently has a fair team, in that it recently downed the Old Hickory boys 2-1.

Today's newcomer at the Barons camp was Brownie Vest, southern hurler sent here by Greenville of the Cotton States League. Vest, whose home is at Mayfield, has been training with the Greenville club for the past three weeks.

Another lengthy batting drill featured today's practice session at the Fairgrounds, with Kermit Rothrock, Roy Millmaki, Lawrence George, Vest and Carl Lucas seeing service on the mound.

Murph Malattia, first baseman purchased from Appleton, Wis., found the range in today's drill and socked a couple over the rightfield fence. Webb Salisbury, who was the slugging star during yesterday's session, also connected for another long one over the centerfield fence today.

Joe Richardson, who missed yesterday's drill, was absent again today.

# Western Mine Fights Back With Victory

Capture Nightcop in  
Double Feature  
By 9-7 PCN 4-30 41

Western Mine captured a victory over the Hilltoppers in a double feature at the Mountain View arena last night. The contest was a 9-7 after capturing the game 7-2. Both sides were evenly matched.

Don Melzer of Hilltoppers for the home, limited the Western to seven hits and earned a home run in the first inning. He pitched a perfect game.

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# Raiders Beat Western Mine By 10 To 9

Middle Tennessee  
Team Stages Late  
Rally PCN 4 7 41

Coach Ed Diddy's Western baseball team suffered its second straight defeat yesterday afternoon at Murfreesboro, Tenn., falling before the Middle Tennessee nine in a 10-9 tilt.

The Hilltoppers took a lead of 1-0 in the first inning, but they couldn't hold the lead. The Western team scored in the first inning.

The Raiders collected 10 hits of the two Topper bases, while the Hilltoppers were kept limited to eight by a couple of Raider pitchers.

Western overcame a 4-0 deficit to rebound by a 9-5 count in the top of the ninth, but a last run by the Raiders in the last of the ninth knotted the score, and a winning run was produced in the seventh.

Bryant, with a homer, 3 hits and 3 runs, led the Raiders. The Western team scored in the first inning.

The Western mine is to meet Tennessee Tech of Cookeville next tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock, and the Hilltoppers are to meet the Bowling Green Bats in a practice game Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

Coach Arrola Winkphor's Hilltopper ball team was scheduled for a match today against the University of Kentucky at Lexington, and Coach Ted Hepburn's tennis team was booked for a match against David L. Johnson of Nashville this afternoon on the local courts. The Western tennis team is to play Murray State Friday afternoon.

Both the tennis and basketball teams are to travel to Lexington, Va., to play in state meets Monday.

Score by innings of yesterday's tilt:

R H E  
Western ..... 000 002 000—9 8 8  
M. T. N. .... 100 001 100—10 10 8  
Sprell, Shoben and Patton; Jackson, Ellis and Turley.

# Towery Hammers Two Homers As Western Beats David Lipscomb

Carlyle Towery, who made a name for himself as a basketball player at Western, moved into the baseball spotlight by socking a pair of homers during the Hilltoppers 15-6 rout of David Lipscomb yesterday afternoon on the Western diamond.

The win gave the Hilltoppers an even break in two week-end tilts, the Eastern Maroons having handed the locals a 9-8 setback in a game Friday on the Hilltopper field.

Towery, whose baseball activity most of this season has been limited to fungo hitting and lounging around in general, opened at first base in the Saturday afternoon game, homering on his first and third trips to the plate. He walked his second time up.

In addition to Towery, other Hilltoppers wielding big sticks were Jess Link and Ed Houchins, each of whom contributed a homer. Kirkpatrick homered for the Bisons.

Billy Day, a southpaw, opened on the mound for the Hilltoppers, and he was followed by Harold Hunter, Bob Marcum and Link as Coach Ed Diddle substituted freely at all positions.

Western enjoyed two big frames, scoring four times in the fourth through the assistance of Towery's second homer, and five times in the sixth with Link's homer featuring the splurge.

Evans opened on the hill for the visitors, who were defeated by an even larger margin in a previous

game at Nashville, and he was relieved in the sixth by Braggall.

Friday's game against Eastern saw the Hilltoppers stage a ninth-inning rally, only to fall one run short of the Maroons' total as the tying run was stranded on second.

Eastern grabbed an early lead and had the Hilltoppers trailing at 7-1 going into the last of the eighth, but Jess Link's four-run homer put Western back in the game.

Chuck Schuster's homer in the third after Smith had walked gave the Maroons a 2-0 lead before Western tallied a single marker in the same frame as a result of Monk Dodd's triple and Link's outfield fly.

Schuster's big bat tripled in another run in the sixth, and a double by Nash and singles by Dorna and Perry gave the Maroons two more in the seventh.

Earl Shelton, who opened on the hill for the Hilltoppers, was relieved in the eighth by Rennie Hoebeke after Schuster and J. Shelton had singled in succession with one man down. Both men scored on an infield error and a fielders choice before Hoebeke could retire the side.

Singles by Hoebeke and Mike Dubick and a walk to Dood set the stage for Link's mighty wallop to left cleaning the bases. Hunter walked, took second on a fielders choice and scored on Garnett Shuffett's

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single to cut the Eastern margin to 7-6. However the Maroons added two more in the ninth on a base on balls, a pair of singles and an out-field error.

After Hoebeke had whiffed to open Western's half of the final stanza, Dubick singled and Dodd cracked a homer, which rolled over the bank at the rear of rightfield. Link grounded to third and Crouch beat out a hit to third base, continuing to second as Tinnell made a wild throw to first. Hunter popped to the mound to end the game and the Hilltoppers' rally.

Schuster had three hits to lead Eastern, while Dubick, Dodd and Crouch each had two for the losing Hilltoppers.

Box of Friday's game:

AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Eastern	4	1	1	8	0
Perry, 1b	4	1	1	2	0
Tinnell, 3	5	2	2	4	2
Smith, c	4	1	1	10	0
Schuster, m	5	2	3	2	0
J. Shelton, 1	5	1	1	1	0
Rail, r-p	4	0	1	1	0
Nash, s	4	1	2	1	1
Dorna, 2	4	1	1	0	3
Guy, p	3	0	0	0	1
Bezold, r	1	0	0	0	0

AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Western	39	9	12	27	7
Dubick, m	4	2	2	2	1
Dodd, 2-r	4	3	2	2	1
Link, 1	5	1	1	0	0
Crouch, 3	5	0	2	1	1
Hunter, 1b	4	1	1	1	1
Bolton, c	4	0	0	6	1
Salato, r	2	0	0	1	0
Shuffett, 2	2	0	1	0	2
Houchins, s	4	0	0	3	3
Shelton, p	2	0	1	1	5
Hoebeke, p	2	1	1	0	0

Totals	38	8	11	27	15	3
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Score by innings:

Eastern	000	201	222	—9
Western	000	100	052	—3

Summary: Runs batted in—Schuster 3, Dorna, Perry, Rail, Nash, Smith, Link 5, Shuffett, Dodd 2. Two base hit—Nash. Three base hits—Schuster, Dodd. Home runs—Schuster, Link, Dodd. Stolen base—Dubick. Left on bases—Eastern 5, Western 6. Bases on balls—off Guy 2, Rail 1, Shelton 1, Hoebeke 1. Struck out—by Guy 3, Rail 2, Shelton 6, Hoebeke 1. Hits—off Guy 7 in 7 innings (none out in 8th), 5 runs; Shelton 10 in 7 1-3 innings, 7 runs. Winning pitcher—Guy. Losing pitcher—Shelton. Umpires—Blackwell and Smith. Time—2:18.

Bowling Green, Ky., — Spring sports at Western Teachers college, abandoned during the war, have made an amazing comeback, and it is strictly a GI accomplishment.

Western's current record of 11 victories against no defeats chalked up jointly by the Hilltopper baseball and tennis teams is at this stage of the season the best ever recorded in Western's sports history.

Ed Diddle, Western's famous basketball coach, whose springtime hobby is baseball, and Ted Hornback, tennis tutor, wear a 24-hour grin these days as their aggregations of World War II veterans continue to set a sizzling pace for all comers. Monday, Diddle's baseballers tripped Louisville 12-6 for their seventh consecutive triumph, and two days before Hornback's tennis team bumped the same school 5-2 for its fourth straight victory.

The baseball race will be continued here Thursday against Tennessee Tech and Saturday with a double-header against Western's arch rival Murray.

Twenty-five players make up the two squads, and of these 22 of them saw service in the Army, Navy and the Marines. One of the others was a member of the Merchant Marine. There are only five members of the tennis group, and all of them, Dee Gibson, Duck Ray, Bill Lacy, Jim Vaden and George Heller are alumni of the United States Army. On the baseball squad eleven members saw

service in the Army, three were in the Marines and three in the Navy. Among them is Turner Hogan, first string third baseman, a former Marine, who was on Mt. Suribachi when the Leathernecks held their famous flag raising after storming Iwo Jima. Hogan is one of the six members of his company of 200 who survived the historic Pacific battle. A liberal collection of purple hearts and other awards for bravery could be collected from the service uniforms now replaced by Western baseball suits and tennis togs.

Diddle's first-string lineup is composed of Wilson Kirk, catcher; Harold Hunter, first base; Monk Dodd, second base; Turner Hogan, third base; Earl Houchins, short stop; and outfielders, Jimmy Topmiller, Bunny Porter and Carl Whitfield. Seven of these are ex-GI's, and any pitcher that Diddle might put on the mound with them would be in the same fraternity, as Buddy Keyes, Odie Spears, Bill Collins, Chester Redmon, Reed Williams and Bill Kirk who compose the pitching staff are all veterans. Of the utility players Charlie Ruter, Bill Houchens, Charlie Irwin, Warren McCauley, Bill Seames and Sam Peden, only Irwin does not wear the discharge button. Western's perfect record to date has been scored as follows: In baseball the Hilltoppers knocked off Centre, 18-11; Eastern, 8-7; Tennessee Tech, 5-4; Evansville, 12-6; Eastern, 6-2; Evansville, 20-9 and University of Louisville, 12-6. Buddy Keyes has been the winning pitcher in three games, Bill Kirk has won two and Chet Redmon is credited with two.

In tennis the Hilltoppers, without dropping a single set, have walloped Western Illinois, 5-1; Centre, 5-1; Tennessee Tech, 7-0; and University of Louisville, 5-2. Dee Gibson and Duck Ray, two of Diddle's star basketball players, lead the racket wielders in the

number one and number two singles slots and team up for the number one doubles.

Six baseball games and four tennis matches remain to be played. Western needs to win only half of the remaining games for the firm of Diddle and Hornback and their snappy collection of soldiers, sailors and marines to have one of the best spring sports records in the school's history, and baseball and tennis are the two oldest sports on the Bowling Green hilltop.

# Western's Rally Wins From Aggies By 4 to 3

Special to The Courier-Journal  
Bowling Green, Ky., March 26.

Staging a ninth-inning rally that netted two runs the Western Teachers' College also this afternoon defeated the Michigan State Aggies by 4 to 3 in the opening game of the intercollegiate baseball season.

Weaver's pitching was too much for the visitors to fathom, the big boy shutting down in the pinches to retire the Aggies in one, two, three order. Ward, who started the game, was relieved by Weaver in the fourth stanza. Weaver in turn giving way to Daugh at the beginning of the ninth inning. Coach Diddle not wishing to call upon his ace to exert himself too greatly in the opening tilt.

## Michigan Scores

Michigan State was the first to score, their first counter being shoved across in the second when Tolles beat out an infield hit and scored on Baynes' long two-bagger to deep left center. The visitors scored again in the fourth after two men were out when Barrett reached first on a misplayed fly to Morris. Tolles was safe on an error by Walker and Horgan. He scored Barrett with a long fly to left field.

Western tied the score in their half of the fourth on doubles by Brown and Weaver. A sacrifice hit by Ward and a fielder's choice.

Michigan State scored again in the fifth when Barrett was safe on Weaver's

error's bobble of his pop fly. Rhinehart's sacrifice and Rawleigh's single.

## Rally In Ninth

Both sides then were retired in one, two, three order until the latter part of the ninth when Curly Ellis, first up for the Pedagogues, smacked a two-bagger to right. Killebrew attempted to sacrifice, but was safe when Tolles was slow fielding. His bunt, Ellis going to third. Hammers hit viciously at one that rolled only a few feet from the plate. Killebrew going to third. Tolles, rushing in, grab the ball to nip Hammers at first, threw wildly. Ellis scoring on the tap and Killebrew coming home on the bad heave.

## Score by Inning

Innings	123	456	789	R	H	E
Michigan State	010	110	000	2	8	4
Western	000	200	002	4	3	2

Batteries: Western—Ward, Weaver; Baugh and Hammers; Michigan State—Tolles and Witter.



## Western Tips T.P.I. For Division Crown

Nashville, Tenn., May 19 (AP)—Western Kentucky nosed out Tennessee Tech 3-2 to win the western division championship of the Ohio Valley Conference on a neutral field here today.

A booming clutch hit down the leftfield line by pitcher Gene Rhodes propelled the winning run across the plate in the last half of the ninth inning to give the Hilltoppers the berth opposite Eastern Kentucky in the O.V.C. playoff.

That tremendous slam came off Russ Petty's fast ball and scored pinch-runner Monie Beard from second base with an unearned run after two were out. The hit climaxed a great performance for Rhodes, who had handcuffed the hard-hitting Tech batters with a six-hitter as he fanned 15 men and won his duel with Petty.

The Hilltoppers will meet Eastern for a three-game title-deciding series in Bowling Green, Ky., beginning Monday. Two seven-inning games will be played Monday and a third game, if it should be needed, is scheduled to go the nine-inning route Tuesday.

Western Kentucky 301 010 001—3  
Tennessee Tech 000 000 020—2  
Rhodes and Back, Petty and Langley.

# White Homers In 6-1 Breeze Over Murray

Western won the Ohio Valley Conference's Western Division baseball title yesterday, whipping Murray 6-1 behind Gene Rhodes' radiant two-hit, 10-strikeout pitching.

White supplied the only walk Western needed to wrap up the division championship with a 5-1 record. The chunky second baseman, struck a three-run homer in the first inning and Murray was licked.

Rhodes faced only 32 batters. He issued one walk, hit Murray's Sherran Childs twice, was extracted from one minor threat by a double play and deserved a shutout. The lone run he gave up was unearned.

After Murray had wasted a bloop fourth-inning single by Woody Wofford, they paralyzed a two-base error by usually spectacular-fielding First Baseman Bill Foster and Pitcher Bob Byars' two-out, single shot over third into the tainted run.

Western's 5-1 record won the division by one game from Evansville, which finished with 4-2. The playoff between the division winners is set for next Wednesday and Thursday.

Overall, yesterday's victory was the ninth in 11 games for Coach Ed Diddle's and Jack Clayton's operatives.

Virgil Hoffman singled to left to open Western's first. Jimmy Hall reached on an infield error. Then White unloaded his four-base wallop over the left fielder's head.

The Hilltoppers tacked on a run in the second on a walk to Eddie Wyatt and singles by Rhodes and Hoffman.

Hoffman banged his third straight single and knocked in his second run of the game in the fourth. It scored Wyatt, who had opened the round with a scratch single and moved to second on Rhodes' second hit.

The final run came across in the eighth, Foster scoring on a wild pitch by Byars.

The game was twice interrupted by rain and the Hilltoppers caused Diddle and Clayton moments of real agony by repeatedly failing to catch signals. Three excellent run-producing opportunities were wasted when sacrifice and hit-and-run signs went unnoticed.

But they came up with the hits and the snappy defensive plays when the pressure was on.

The Toppers have one home game remaining. They are to meet Fort Knox here May 27.

Murray	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Jeffrey cf	4	0	0	2	1	1
Gaines 2b	4	0	0	5	3	1
Wofford lf	4	0	1	2	0	0
Lafser ss	4	0	0	1	2	3
Mikez	3	0	0	5	2	0
McDermott 1b	3	1	0	7	0	0
Childs 3b	1	0	0	2	3	0
Moore f	3	0	0	0	0	0
Byars	3	0	1	0	0	0

Totals	29	1	2	24	11	5
Western	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Hoffman ss	5	1	3	2	1	1
Hale cf	3	1	0	4	1	0
White 2b	3	1	1	1	2	0
King lf	4	0	1	0	0	0
Vest c	4	0	1	11	0	0
Foster 1b	4	1	0	5	1	1
Beard rf	4	0	0	1	0	0
Wyatt 3b	3	2	2	2	2	0
Rhodes p	4	0	2	1	2	0

Totals	34	6	10	27	9	2
Murray	000	010	000	1		
Western	310	100	01x	6		

RBI — White 3, Hoffman 2, Byars. HR — White. SB — Foster. DP — White to Hoffman to Foster. LOB — Murray 4, Western 7. BB — Off Byars 2, Rhodes 1. SO — Byars 5, Rhodes 10. ER — Murray, none; Western, 4. H B — Childs 2 (By Rhodes). WP — Byars 2, Rhodes 1. Winner — Rhodes (2-0). U — Chaney and Davis. T — 2:10.



GENE RHODES—Hurled division clincher for Western second year in row.

## Western Nine Takes O.V.C. West Title

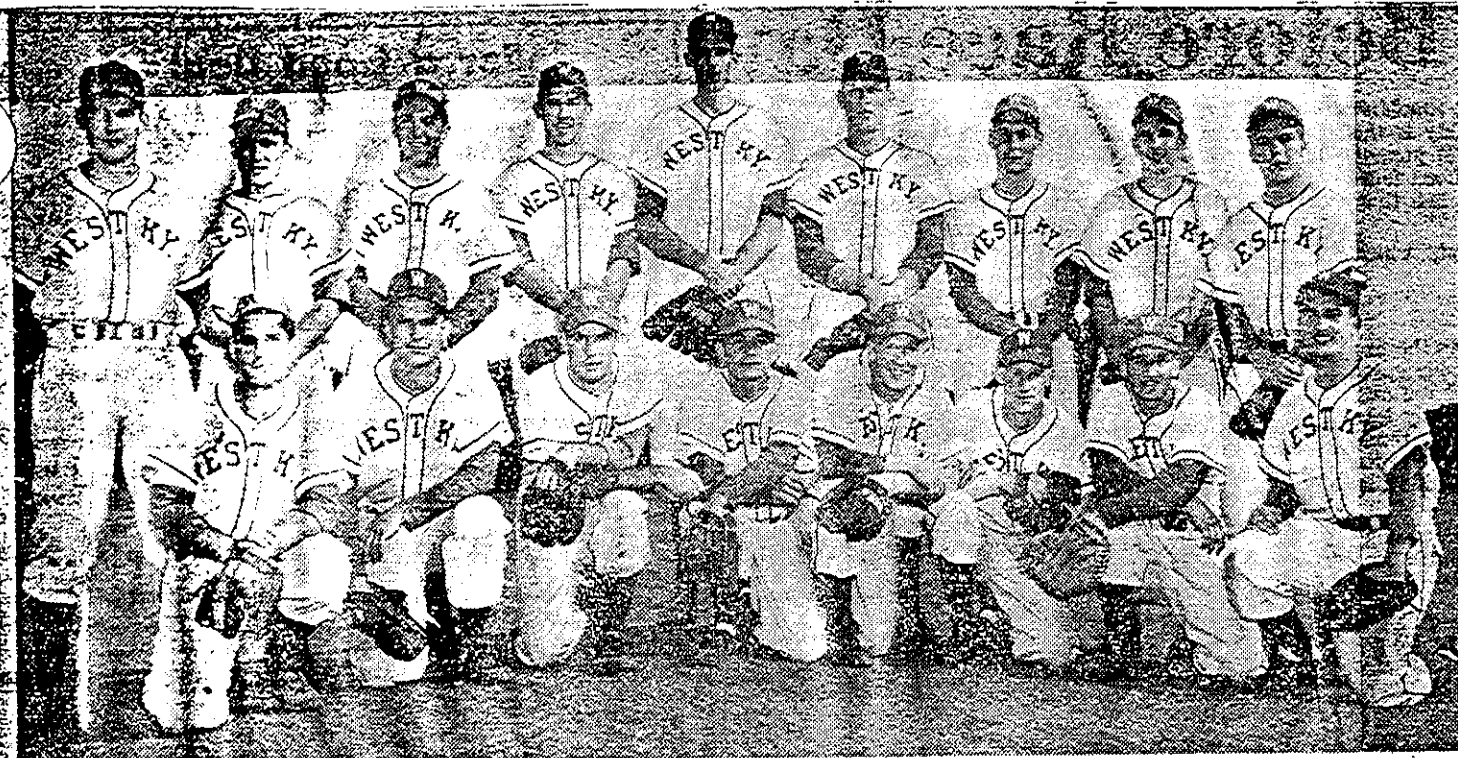
Meets Eastern Next  
For League Crown

Bowling Green, Ky., May 17 (AP)  
—Western Kentucky wrapped up the western division title in the Ohio Valley Conference baseball race today by smacking Murray 6-1 behind Gene Rhodes' two-hit pitching.

Western finished the season with a 5-1 league record to edge Evansville 4-2 in the west. The Hilltoppers will meet Eastern Kentucky for the O.V.C. championship next week.

Western's big blow was a three-run homer by Dick White in the first inning. Rhodes struck out ten men and walked just one.

Murray	000 010 000	1 2 5
Western	310 100 01x	6 10 2
Byars and Miller; Rhodes and Vest		



Champions of the Ohio Valley Conference's Western Division are the Western Hilltoppers. First row, from left, Leo Magers, Jimmy Hale, Sonny Yates, James "Fodder" Sexton, Richard White, Larry French, Lindsay Croan, Leonard Webb; back row, Hal Taylor, student coach; Eddie Wyatt, Dyke Vest, Virgil Hoffman, Art Spoelstra, Dan King, Monie Beard, Bill Foster and Don McGuire.

## Eastern Nine And Western Series Reset

### Teams Vie for Title In Doubleheader

Special to The Courier-Journal

Richmond, Ky., May 20. — Eastern's Maroons and Western's Hilltoppers clash here in a doubleheader Thursday afternoon in what promises to be a bitter battle for the Ohio Valley Conference baseball championship.

Eastern, winner of the eastern division of the O.V.C., is the host in this "best of a three-game series." Two seven-inning games will be played Thursday afternoon beginning at 1:00 p.m. In the event a third game is required, it will be played Friday afternoon.

The playoff originally was set for tomorrow.

Western won the right to represent the western division of the loop by downing Murray 6-1 last Saturday while the Maroons of Eastern were shutting out Marshall 5-0. The Hilltoppers won 5 and lost 1 in their division and Eastern won 3 of 4 in its division.

### Never In Trouble

The Maroons copped their division title for the second straight year by eliminating Marshall last Saturday on the sparkling four-hit pitching of Don Richardson. This frosh right hander, a product of Central High School, was never in trouble in handcuffing the Marshall Herd. He is slated to start against Western.

Another Don, freshman Don Feltner of Hazard, will get the other starting assignment against Ed Diddle's crew tomorrow. Feltner, a fast right hand curve baller, notched two important conference wins over Morehead in league play. Coach Hughes will rely heavily on these two "freshman Dons" against Western. However, in reserve he will have Mike Short, John Allison, Charles White, and Billy George.

## Toppers Forfeit 1951 OVC Baseball Crown

Western announced it has forfeited its 1951 OVC baseball championship to Eastern today as the rivals prepared to collide at Richmond in the 1952 championship series.

The 1951 title was declared forfeited because Western employed, unknown to Coach Ed Diddle, an ineligible player in the 1951 playoffs.

The player was Pitcher Bobby McGuire, who defeated Eastern in the final game of last year's playoff. The OVC judiciary committee learned that McGuire had pitched part of one summer in the Class D Mountain States League.

Diddle presented the trophy to Eastern Athletic Director Charles T. (Turkey) Hughes at the diamond today just as the opening doubleheader was scheduled to begin.

In a letter to Western officials, Warren C. Lappin of Morehead, a member of the judiciary committee, said one member of the committee had summed up the conference's feeling toward Western in the matter in these words:

"Having had approximately a quarter of a century of dealings with Western, I believe in their desire to do the proper thing and I have every confidence that they played this lad in honest error in so far as they were advised."

"I simply did not know that Bobby had ever played professional ball," Diddle said here yesterday before leaving for Richmond.

"Since he did, we are not contesting the judiciary committee's ruling and I'm taking the trophy to present to Eastern before the doubleheader begins."

RICHMOND, Ky., May 23 (Sp.)—Western, which took a team batting average of .310 into its OVC baseball championship playoff with Eastern, was looking for some home runs today.

The Hilltoppers were limited to eight hits in yesterday's opening doubleheader, but kept alive the best-of-three series behind Gene Rhodes' shutout Ruling in the nightcap. The final game is carded this afternoon.

After Eastern had won the opener 4-1 with a run in the seventh and final frame, Rhodes pitched a 4-hit ter to lead the Hilltoppers to a 1-0 victory.

The only run in that second game was scored by Catcher Dyke Vest in the fourth. Vest was safe on a force, reached third on a hit-batter and passed ball and scored when Eastern Third Baseman Chuck Harter erred on Dan King's slide down the foul line.

Rhodes struckout 8 and issued three walks. He was untouchable with runners aboard.

Nearly 1,500 fans watched the game and saw a string of eight straight shutout innings over the two games registered by Freshman Pitcher Don Richardson. The 20-year, iron-armed hurler gave up three runs in the first two innings of the opener, shut Western out the rest of the way and tossed three scoreless rounds to start off the second game.

Western scored once in the first inning of the opener on Jim Hale's single, his steal of second and Dick White's single.

The Hilltoppers went ahead 2-1 in the second inning. Bill Foster walked and Eddie Wyatt singled before losing Pitcher Dan King to a loaded two-run triple.

Eastern scored twice in the last of the second on singles by Grady and Carl White, Spain's hit producing fly and Richardson's three-bagger.

The Maroons tied the count at 3-all in the fifth. Hertzner's triple sent the singling Delaney home.

In the Eastern seventh, King issued walks to John Delaney and Hertzner. Then, after two outs, Carl White slashed a hopper over second. Western's Dick White knocked it down, but was unable to make a play. The blow was recorded as a single and scored Delaney with the winning run.

Western Shortstop Virgil Hoffman started two double plays in the first game to help King along.

Don McGuire was scheduled to pitch for Western this afternoon against Don Feltner. Both are from Hazard.

First game:  
Western 120 000 0-3 8 1  
Eastern 020 010 1-4 11 1  
King and Vest; Richardson and Carl White.

Second game:  
Western 000 100 0-1 2 2  
Eastern 000 000 0-0 4 3  
Rhodes and Vest; Richardson, Charles White and McAnallen.



ATHLETE OF THE YEAR Stan Markham of Western receives his plaque from Athletic director Ted Hornback at yesterday's awards' day program in Diddle Arena.

Looking on at right is baseball coach Jim Pickens. Markham was a standout pitcher for the Hilltoppers.

## Stan Markham Athlete Of Year At "W"

Bowling Green High graduate Stan Markham was honored at an awards day program today as Western's outstanding athlete of the year.

Markham, a lefthanded pitcher, compiled a 4-3 won-lost record for the Hilltoppers this season and had a 2.28 earned-run average.

He fanned 54 batters in 47 innings and allowed 12 earned runs and 44 hits.

The award was presented for the second time. Basketball star Greg Smith received the first plaque last spring.

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# Toppers To Play 31 Games

Western's baseball team will play a 31-game 1968 schedule, it was announced today by Hilltopper Athletic Director Ted Hornback.

Coach Jim Pickens' team will open the season at home March 20 in a single game against Wittenburg College. The state features 14 doubleheaders and three single dates.

In addition to OVC rivals Tennessee Tech, Austin Peay, Middle Tennessee and Murray, the Hilltoppers face non-leaguers Bellarmine, Campbellsville, Centre, Buffalo, David Lipscomb, Southern Illinois and Wittenburg.

## The complete schedule:

- March 20, Wittenburg; March 29, Tennessee Tech (2); March 30, Bellarmine (2).
- April 1, Campbellsville; April 2, at Austin Peay (2); April 3, Centre (2); April 4, Buffalo (2); April 6, Middle Tennessee (2); April 9, Murray (2); April 13, Austin Peay (2); April 20, at David Lipscomb (2); April 24, at Murray (2); April 27, at Southern Illinois (2); April 29, at Middle Tennessee (2)
- May 1, at Campbellsville; May 2, David Lipscomb (2);



## **Toppers Opening Game Rained Out**

Western's delayed baseball season opener now is scheduled for March 29 against Ohio Valley Conference rival Tennessee Tech here.

The Hillhoppers were rained out of their scheduled opener against Wilkes College yesterday. The game will not be re-scheduled.

## Topper Tennis, Baseball Teams To See Action

Tennis and baseball are on tap for Western this week.

The tennis team hosts David Lipscomb Thursday afternoon.

The baseball team faces doubleheaders Friday and Sunday.

The Friday twin bill will be against Tennessee Tech here.

The Saturday doubleheader, also here, sends the Toppers against Bellarmine.

The golfers open their season April 1 and the track team sees its first action April 3.

# Topper 9 Hosts Tech Tomorrow

Western is hoping for a baseball turnabout under coach Jim Pickens when the Hilltoppers open their season here tomorrow against Tennessee Tech.

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The doubleheader begins at 1 p.m.

The Toppers finished third in the four-team Ohio Valley Conference Western Division last season and compiled a 13-16-2 record.

Pickens will go with his best against Tech, although the Toppers face another doubleheader against Belknapine Saturday at 1 p.m.

He plans to pitch lefty Stan Markham, 4-5 last season, and Chip Miles (3-4) in the opener.

He will come back with Alan Hapney (2-2) and Don Durham in the second seven-inning game.

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Left fielder Bob Elliott, who batted .328 last season, paces the offense. He will bat third.

Other starters will be shortstop Neil Lawson, right fielder Harry Jones, first baseman Jim Bunnell, catcher Vanous Lloyd, centerfielder Frank Chambers, third baseman Barrett Barnard and second baseman Don Schneider.

In Saturday's twin bill with Bellarmine, Pickens plans to hurl Junior Collier.

Hapney Hits 3-Hitter

# Jones Paces Tops Past Bellarmine

Western posted its first baseball win in three games yesterday as Alon Hapney hurled a three-hitter in a 4-3 win over Bellarmine College of Louisville.

Hot hitting Herry Jones led the Hilltoppers with two singles and a double in three trips to the plate. Jones has socked eight hits in 10 games for a cool .800 batting average. Hapney fanned eight and

walked only two as he posted his first win of the season. Western scored twice in the third and fourth innings.

In the third, Hapney singled and scored on Jones' single. Jones then stole second and faced home on Neil Mayson's single.

In the fourth, Frank Chambers singled, Barrett Barnard reached in a fielder's choice and both scored as the Bellarmine catcher tried to pick Barnard off first base.

Vanous Lloyd had two hits in three trips for the Hilltoppers.

The scheduled second game was rained out. Western faces Campbellsville here Monday and the Toppers are slated at Austin Peay in a Western Division doubleheader Tuesday. Bellarmine 200 001 0-3 3 2 Western 002 200 X-4 9 1 Reiss and Ralston, Hapney and Lloyd.

## TECH WINS TWO

It's a new season but the same hard-luck story for Western's ace left-hander Stan Markham.

Tennessee Tech rallied for three runs in the final inning to beat Markham and Western a 5-4 loss in the opener of a doubleheader here Friday.

The swarming Eagles captured the nightcap by 9-1. Dick King slammed four of the Eagles' 18 hits in the two games and two of them were home runs.

Four Doubleheaders

Topper 9 Faces 9  
Games This Week

Western's baseball team today, are at home to Austin Peay tomorrow and are slated at Kentucky Wesleyan Friday.

Coach Jim Pickens, Hilltoppers, who had better be pitcher-rich, opened the action against Campbellsville here today.

They are slated at Austin Peay in a doubleheader tomorrow, host Center in two games Wednesday, meet Buffalo here in a twin bill Thursday and host Middle Tennessee in two games Saturday.

All other spring sports teams also are in action this week. The golfers hosts Kentucky Saturday.

The home matches will be played at the Park Mammoth Resort course at Mammoth Cave.

The tennis team hosts Tennessee Tech Wednesday. Then the netters travel to Lexington for a quadrangular match Friday and Saturday. They will face host Kentucky, University of Tennessee and Eastern.

The track squad is slated at Fort Campbell Wednesday and meets Southeast Missouri here Saturday.

*In 13-2 Win*

## 3 Topper hurlers pitch no-hitter

Three Western pitchers combined for a no-hitter yesterday as the Hilltoppers walloped Campbellsville College, 13-2, in seven innings.

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Hurling the no-hitter were Bruce Alexander, who went the first three innings; Ron Rogers, who hurled the fourth, fifth and sixth; and Larry Pentress, who pitched the seventh.

Only three Campbellsville batters reached base — two on walks and one on an error.

The three Toppers hurled combined to fan seven batters. Bob Elliott socked a grand-slam homer for Western and Vanous Lloyd had two singles.

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The Toppers rapped 10 hits in all.

Western's scheduled doubleheader at Austin Peay today was rained out.

The Hilltoppers face Centre College in a doubleheader here tomorrow, starting at 1 p.m.

The Toppers show a 2-2 record now.

Lloyd, Bunnell Homer

# Markham And Myles Humil Tops Past Goy's 5-3, 4-0

Stan Markham, who has lost a pair of heart-breakers this season, posted his first win for Western yesterday as the Hilltoppers swept a

Markham scattered four hits to win the opener, thanks to a big assist from his former Bowling Green High teammate Phil Allen.

Chip Myles beat the Governors in the trailer, 4-0, on a three-hitter.

Markham scored the winning run in the opener himself on an error.

Allen had tied the score in the fourth with a two-run triple to right field.

Home runs by Vanous Lloyd and Jim Bunnell made Myles' task easier in the trailer.

Both came in the fourth inning, Lloyd's with the doubling Harry Jones aboard.

Jones paced the Topper batters in this game with a double and a single.

The Hilltoppers are 4-4 against all opposition and 2-2 in the Ohio

Valley Conference's Western Division now.

Aus. Peay 102 000 0-3 4 2

West. 100 202 x-5 5 2

Waltz, Wilhoite (6), Inman (6) and Smith.

Markham and Lynch.

Aus. P. 000 000 0-0 3 2

West. 000 301 x-4 7 3

Wilhoite and Smith.

Myles and Lynch.

HR — Western—Lloyd, Bunnell.

Win 12-4, 9-6

# Chambers Sparks Tops Past Racers

It will be a long time before Murray gets over what Western did to the Racers at Murray yesterday in baseball.

The Hilltoppers swept a doubleheader, 12-4 and 9-6, and out-hit the Racers by a cool 17 to 10 in the process.

Footballer Frank Chambers was a one-man batting attack for coach Jim Pickens' Hilltoppers.

He went 3-for-4 in each game and batted in eight runs.

Stan Markham scattered three hits to win the 12-4 opener.

Chambers supplied a triple, double and single in this game and batted in five runs.

Chip Miles gave up seven hits in the 9-6 trailer.

Chambers rifled a double and two singles and drove in three runs in this battle.

Harry Jones added a double and a single and had two runs-batted-in.

Markham fanned five, but he

walked seven and he trailed 3-2 going into the top of the fourth inning.

Western erupted for five runs in that frame to clinch the game.

The win was Markham's second in four starts.

Miles now has a 2-1 record on the season.

Pickens' Toppers are 7-5 for the season and show a 4-2 mark in the Ohio Valley Conference's Western Division.

They are slated at Southern Illinois Saturday and take on division-leader Middle Tennessee in a doubleheader here Monday.

West. .... 000 250 5—12 8 3

Murray .... 030 000 2— 4 3 2

Markham and Lynch.

Gourleux, White (4), Lambert (6) and Hayden.

West. .... 202 500 0— 9 9 1

Mur. .... 110 030 1— 4 7 1

Miles and Lynch.

Lee, Holand (3), Williams (7) and Jones, Fields (3).



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May 5, 1968

# Tops Drop Colonels, 5-4, 3-0

Larry Fentress hurled a two-hitter in the nightcap as Western nailed Centre College in a doubleheader, 5-4 and 3-0, yesterday.

The freshman right-hander got all the help he needed from Mike Coberly, who socked a double and a single and batted in a run.

Frank Chambers singled home Jim Bunnell from third in the bottom of the seventh to give the Toppers their 5-4 win in the opener.

The win went to reliever Don Durham.

Bunnell opened the seventh with a single.

Harry Jones reached on an error.

They then pulled a double-steal before Chambers unloaded his game-winner.

Vanous Lloyd rapped a pair of hits for the Toppers in this game.

The two wins left the Toppers with an 11-9 record on the season.

Centre ..... 201 100 0-4 8 2  
West. .... 001 300 1-5 10 2  
Volz and Elcher, Hanney, Bathurst, (3), Durham (7) and Lynch.

Centre ..... 000 000 0-0 2 1  
West. .... 100 020 X-3 5 1  
Mills and Rick

Daily News  
May 7, 1968

Tops Split Two

Markham Pitches  
Two-Hit Shutout

Stan Markham's brilliant two-hitter over nine innings gave Western a split in a doubleheader at Austin Peay yesterday.

Markham won the opener, 2-0, on Jim Bunnell's two-run homer in the ninth inning. He fanned six and walked three.

Bunnell's homer came with the singing Vanous Lloyd on base.

The Governors lone hits were singles in the second and sixth innings.

Austin Peay won the seven-inning trailer, 7-6, despite another homer by Bunnell and a roundtripper by Don Schneider.

The winners got five unearned runs as Western out-hit the hosts by 12 to 6.

Sacking two hits apiece for the Toppers in his battle were Neil Lawson, Bunnell, Frank Chambers and Schneider.

Coach Jim Pickens Toppers have a 12-10 record on the season now and they are 5-5 in the Ohio Valley Conference's Western Division.

Western ... 000 000 002—2 5 1  
Austin Peay . 000 000 000—0 2 1

Markham and Lynch.  
Waltz, Inman (9) and Holder.  
HR: Western — Bunnell.

Western ..... 111 201 0—6 12 5  
Austin P. .... 420 001 x—7 6 2

Miles, Durham (6) and  
Pierce, Lynch (4).  
Cardwell, Bagatol (4), Hardy  
(4) and Powell.  
HR: Western — Bunnell,  
Schneider.

Daily News  
May 9, 1968

# Toppers Split Pair With Tech

Western split a doubleheader with Tennessee Tech at Cookeville yesterday, winning the second game by 7-3 after dropping the opener, 11-4.

Alan Hapney and Don Durham teamed to hurl a seven - hitter in the trailer.

Phil Allen slammed a pinch - hit home run for the Toppers in the sixth inning.

Mike Coberly, Vanous Lloyd and George Lynch rapped a pair of hits apiece for coach Jim Pickens' team.

Tech included three home runs among its 11 hits in winning the opener.

The split left Western with a 13 - 11 record for the season. The Toppers finished with a 5-5 mark in the Ohio Valley Conference.

Western ..... 300 010 0-- 4 4 0  
Tech ..... 411 005 x--11 11 1

Balhurst and Dynch.  
Gregg and King.  
Western .... 102 011 2--7 11 2

Tech ..... 100 001 1--3 7 2  
Hapney, Durham (6 ) and Lynch.  
Worley, Bosse (6), White (7) and King.

HR: Western -- Allen.